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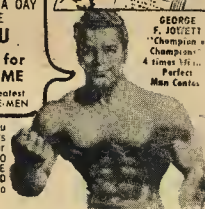
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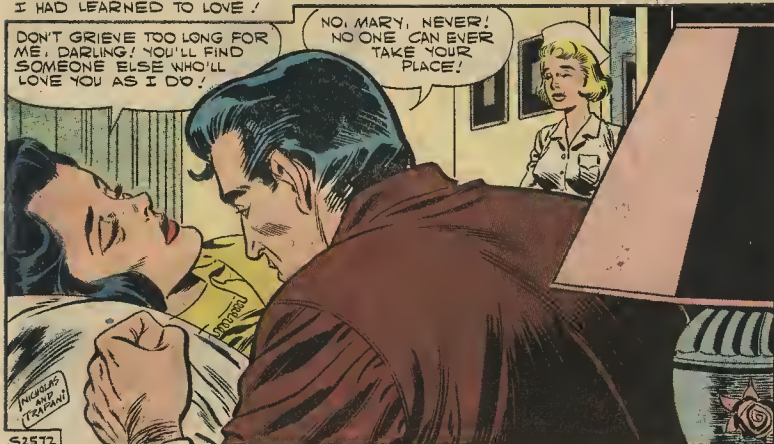


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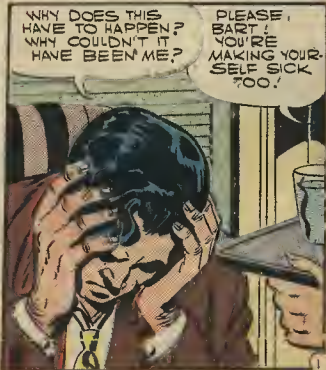
Beloved Rival

MY HEART ACHED FOR THEM BOTH... MARY HAGERS, WHO WAS DYING, AND BART, HER HUSBAND, WHOSE HEART WAS BREAKING AS THE END NEARED. I COULD ONLY STAND BY, MAKING MARY'S END AS PAINLESS AS POSSIBLE... PITIYING BART WHOM I HAD LEARNED TO LOVE!



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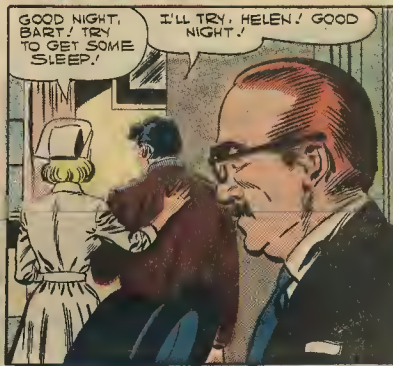
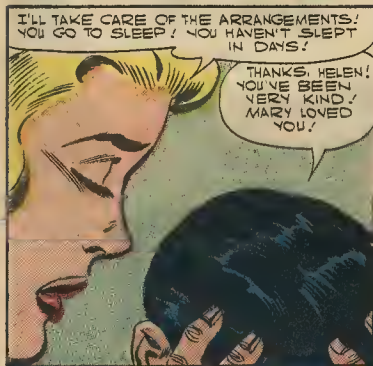
MARY'S ILLNESS HAD NO CURE! IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF HOURS! I TRIED TO COMFORT BART BUT...



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MARY HAGERS WAS GONE... I COULDN'T HELP HER-- BUT BART HAGERS NEEDED HELP BADLY...



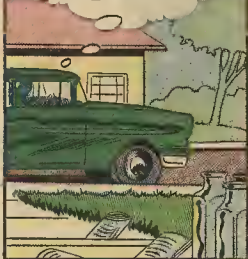
I'D SUFFERED WHEN MARY HAGERS HAD FELT PAIN... NOW, I FELT HER PASSING AS BADLY AS BART DID! I DROVE PAST HIS HOME THE NEXT NIGHT! HE WAS STILL UP...



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MONTHS PASSED...AND I LEARNED THAT BART HADN'T BEEN TO HIS OFFICE AT ALL. I DROVE BY HIS PLACE OFTEN...

HIS GARDEN IS A MESS. MARY KEPT IT BEAUTIFULLY. AND THAT MILK ON THE STEPS MUST BE SOUR BY NOW.



I GUESS I'M A FOOL BUT... MARY WOULD WANT ME TO HELP.



THE DOOR IS OPEN. AND THERE'S BART. SOUND ASLEEP...



IF I'D THOUGHT TWICE, I WOULD'VE LEFT... BUT I DIDN'T! I WENT IN AND SHOOK HIM AWAKE...

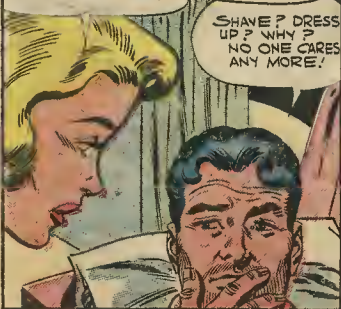
WAKE UP, BART! IT'S ME, HELEN TURNER!



HMMM? OH, HELEN! I... I'M SORRY, HELEN!



YOU'RE A MESS, BART. MARY WOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOU! GET WASHED, AND SHAVE. PUT ON A SHIRT AND TIE!



SHAVE? DRESS UP? WHY? NO ONE CARES ANY MORE!

I HAD TO SHAKE HIM UP, SNAP HIM OUT OF THE LETHARGY. I LEANED CLOSE AND...





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HE RETURNED THE KISS, AND I DREW BACK BEFORE WE BOTH REGRETTED IT! BART WAS SHAKEN ALL RIGHT... SO WAS I...



HEY, WHAT WAS THAT FOR?

IT WAS JUST TO SHOW YOU THAT SOMEONE DOES CARE! AND YOU'D BETTER SHAVE YOUR BEARD SCRATCHES!

RUN ALONG! I'LL PICK UP SOME OF THIS MESS! YOU CAN TAKE ME OUT TO DINNER AND EXPLAIN YOUR IN-ACTIVITY!

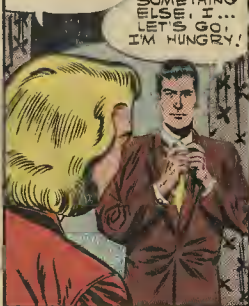
BUT I... ALL RIGHT, HELEN!



HE WAS GONE AN HOUR? I GOT QUITE A BIT ACCOMPUSHED...

YOU LOOK MUCH BETTER, BART!

ARE YOU DOING THIS AS A NURSE? IF IT'S SOMETHING ELSE, I... LET'S GO, I'M HUNGRY!



HE'S JUST WAKING UP TO THE FACT THAT HE'S GOT TO GO ON LIVING! IT'LL TAKE HIM A WHILE...



FEEL BETTER, BART? MARY WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO SULK AT HOME!

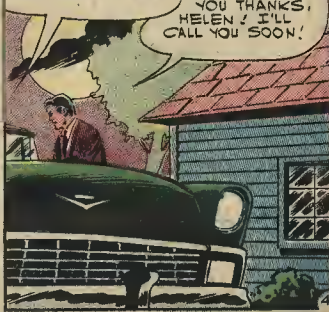
NO, SHE WOULDN'T! H'VE BEEN A FOOL, HELEN!

I LEFT HIM AT HIS HOME EARLY, AND HE PROMISED HE'D GO TO HIS OFFICE THE NEXT MORNING...



I'LL CHECK UP ON YOU FROM TIME TO TIME, BART! GOOD NIGHT AND THANKS FOR THE DINNER!

I OWE YOU THANKS, HELEN! I'LL CALL YOU SOON!



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BART DIDN'T CALL... I HADN'T REALLY EXPECTED HIM TO! BUT I KEPT AN EYE ON HIM ANYHOW...

YOUR APPENDIX DOESN'T BOTHER YOU NOW, EH, JIM? HOW'S BART HAGERS? IS HE WORKING TODAY?

HE'S WORKING BUT HE'S NOT GETTING MUCH DONE!



HE MISSES MARY! IT'S A SHAME! HE'S A YOUNG MAN YET -- HE HAD A BIG FUTURE!

HE STILL HAS! I'LL TALK TO HIM AGAIN!



I CALLED HIS HOME THIS TIME, HE WASN'T CORDIAL BUT I DIDN'T ASK... I TOLD HIM I WAS ON MY WAY OVER...

WHAT'S THE REASON FOR THE VISIT THIS TIME MORE PITY?

I'D SLAP YOU IF I THOUGHT IT WOULD HELP, BART HAGERS!



YOU'VE REALLY GIVEN UP, HAVEN'T YOU? OH, YOU GO TO THE OFFICE BUT YOU DON'T TRY TO DO BUSINESS, IT'S A MESS HERE TOO!



DON'T NAG AT ME HELEN! MY FAULT? HOW DID YOUR WEIRD MIND FIGURE THAT OUT? YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT MARY, THAT'S ALL!



I MISS MARY, YES! I ALWAYS WILL! BUT IT'S YOU WHO HAS ME CRAZY! I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU!



WHAT? BUT... OH, BART!

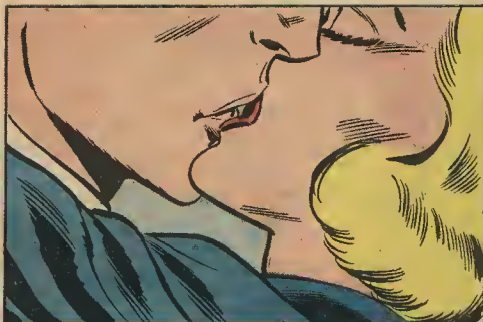
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MY KNEES TURNED TO JELLY WHEN HE SAID THAT! FOR I'D LOVED HIM FOR A LONG, LONG TIME...



YOU'RE CRYING, HELEN! AM I THAT BAD?

NO, DARLING! IT'S JUST THAT YOU WERE SO UNHAPPY AND I...



WE DIDN'T SAY A WORD! BART WENT IN AND PUT ON HIS BEST SUIT! I GATHERED FLOWERS FROM THE GARDEN AND WE DROVE...



MARY WOULD WANT IT THIS WAY, HELEN!

I... I THINK SO, BART! SHE WAS A WONDERFUL PERSON!



I DIDN'T HAVE ALL BART'S LOVE... I DIDN'T WANT IT! HIS FIRST LOVE, MARY HAGERS, WOULD ALWAYS BE WITH US, UNSEEN BUT FELT...

I'LL BE GOOD TO HIM, MARY! I PROMISE!



END

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IMPERFECT Love

LIKE ANY OTHER WOMAN IN LOVE, I THOUGHT MY MAN WAS THE MOST TALENTED MALE IN THE WORLD! BUT I WAS DIFFERENT... WITH MY MOTHER'S HELP, I WAS GOING TO SEE THAT HE REACHED THE TOP! WITH MY MOTHER'S HELP, I ALMOST DESTROYED STAN'S LOVE FOR ME, THE ONLY THING THAT MEANT ANYTHING!

HE BOUGHT THE ENGAGEMENT RING! I DIDN'T THINK THEY WERE THAT SERIOUS ALREADY! I'D BETTER FIND OUT MORE ABOUT STAN CABELL!



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MOTHER HAD A LOT OF CONNECTIONS! BEFORE I HAD MY COFFEE THE NEXT MORNING, MOTHER HAD ALL THE INFORMATION ON STAN...

ISN'T IT LOVELY, MOTHER? IT'S NOT TOO BIG BUT IT'S A PERFECT STONE!

I DON'T SUPPOSE I COULD TALK YOU OUT OF MARRYING HIM NOW! I LEARNED A LITTLE ABOUT MR. CABELL!



HE'S A JUNIOR PARTNER IN AN INSIGNIFICANT LITTLE LAW OFFICE! WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT!

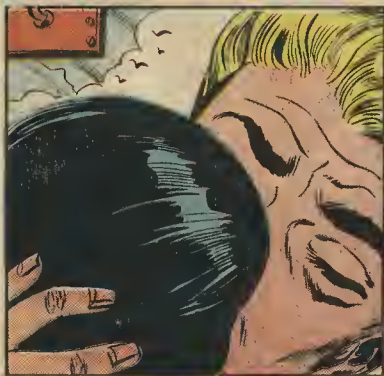
HE... HE'S STUBBORN SOMETIMES, MOTHER!



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I HAD A DATE TO GO DRIVING WITH STAN! I TOLD HIM EXACTLY WHAT MOTHER HAD COACHED ME TO SAY...



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I INTENDED TO TELL MOTHER TO STOP PLANNING STAN'S LIFE FOR HIM... BUT SHE DIDN'T GIVE ME THE CHANCE...

BETTE LOU, THIS IS MR. BILLINGS! HE WAS FATHER'S FRIEND!

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR FIANCE IS A LAWYER, BETTE LOU! I CAN DIVERT A LOT OF BUSINESS HIS WAY!



MY COMPANY HAS A LOT OF LAW WORK FOR OUTSIDE LAWYERS! AS A FRIEND OF YOUR FATHER'S, NATURALLY I'D LIKE TO HELP YOU!

GEE, THAT SOUNDS FINE. I'LL CALL STAN RIGHT AWAY!



NO, BETTE LOU! STAN SHOULD HAVE HIS OWN OFFICE... I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT!

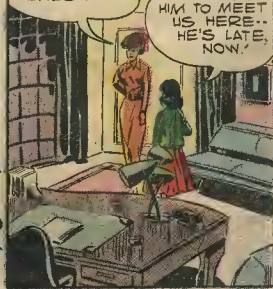


I KNEW I SHOULD STOP HER... BUT A LIFETIME OF OBEDIENCE COULDN'T BE OVERCOME SO EASILY! MOTHER RENTED AN OFFICE AND HAD IT FURNISHED...



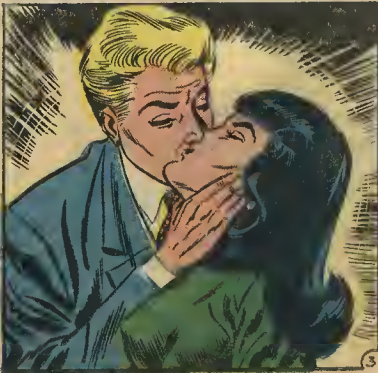
THERE... NOW STAN CAN HANDLE ALL THE BUSINESS MR. BILLINGS GIVES HIM!

I CALLED STAN AND ASKED HIM TO MEET US HERE... HE'S LATE, NOW!



HI, DARLING! WHAT'S THE BIG NEWS YOU MENTIONED?

COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF! BUT FIRST, GIVE ME A KISS, DARLING!



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I NEEDED REASSURANCE AT THAT MOMENT! BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID OF STAN'S REACTION WHEN HE SAW THE OFFICE!

AN OFFICE?! OH, NO! THIS IS TOO MUCH, BETTE LOU!



I'VE HAD ENOUGH INTERFERENCE FROM YOU TWO! IF YOU THINK I'M UNCAPABLE OF PROVIDING FOR BETTE LOU, THEN I'LL BOW OUT! KEEP THE RING, BETTE LOU, I PAID CASH FOR IT! SO LONG, GIRLS!

DON'T CRY, HONEY! THERE ARE OTHER MEN-- SUCCESSFUL ONES TOO!

I DON'T WANT ANY-ONE ELSE! I WANT STAN-- SUCCESSFUL OR NOT!

TWO WEEKS PASSED-- TWO WEEKS OF TEARS AND BITTERNESS! MY MOTHER KNEW ENOUGH TO LET ME ALONE...

I'VE GOT TO SPEAK TO HIM ONCE MORE-- BUT HE MIGHT HANG UP ON ME!



THE PHONE'S RINGING-- I'M AFRAID TO ANSWER IT!

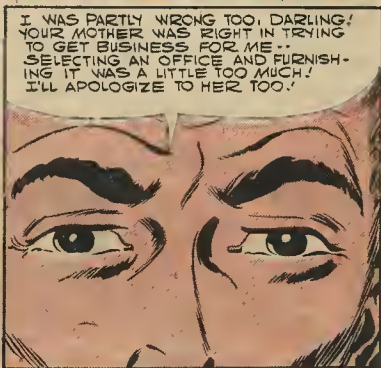
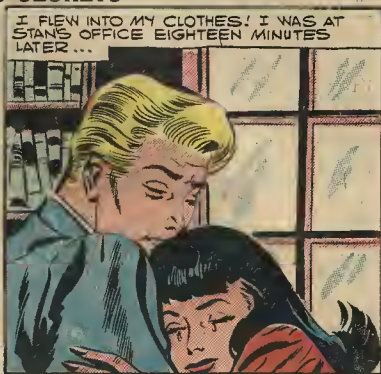
I DID ANSWER IT...AND IT WAS STAN! I ALMOST FAINTED WHEN I HEARD HIS VOICE...

BETTE LOU-- THIS IS STAN...

OH, STAN! I WAS GOING TO CALL YOU-- TO APOLOGIZE, DARLING!



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Pull Of The Past

Every young girl dreams of Romance with a capital R to start the word. Somewhere in this wide world there is one man for you. True, it may take many years for the Prince Charming to find his Princess. But from a girl's viewpoint, nothing can be better than when you are in your teens and he comes riding along on his great white charger. For you he will challenge any other knight who dares to lay his claim to your heart.

When I was nineteen I met Dick Benson at a summer hotel. All the girls had eyes for him. He was six feet two, well built, with dark wavy hair and eyes to match. When he talked you just could listen to him hour after hour. He asked me for a dance and my heart skipped a couple of beats.

"June Robinson," I told myself. "Just one dance and you are a lucky girl."

Did I say one dance? He kept on dancing with me all evening long. You could see those jealous daggers the girls were pointing my way. But who cared? Then we walked outside and he turned to me.

"If I told you that I knew you were the girl for me, you probably would laugh in my face. You would reply that this is the line I give to every girl. I want your address and phone. I don't care in what part of the United States you live. I must leave tomorrow. You tell your parents I am going to call on you and court you. And that means lead you up the aisle while the wedding march is playing."

I was so bewildered I didn't know what to say. He took me in his arms and showered me with kisses. I was so utterly overwhelmed that I offered no resistance. In fact I kissed back if you want to put it that way. Then we sat down and he talked of many things. But my head was in a whirl. When I went to my room late that night, or early in the morning, I threw myself down on the bed and cried.

"June Robinson," I sobbed to myself, "You were just a little fool. He had the perfect approach and you sort of fell for it. Feel a little cheap, don't you? Well from now on be on your guard. Don't let any man do that again."

Dick Benson left the next day and I remained there at the hotel until the end of the week. Then I went home and on the train I told my-

self what a miserable time I had. At home mother asked me the standard question.

"Did you have a good time at the Mountain View Inn?"

I forced a laugh and told her about the young man who had given me a line. Then the doorbell rang.

"Expect any package?" I asked my mother.

She replied in the negative and went to the door and opened the peek hole.

"Somebody to see you, June," she told me.

She opened the door and in walked Dick Benson with a dozen American rose in one hand and a big box of candy in the other. He put them down on a chair and turned to my mother.

"Might as well meet your future son-in-law. My parents will fly in from the coast and we will all get together."

Then he just lifted me off the floor and swung me around and kissed me right in front of mother. Finally he put me down again.

"It only happens this way in the fairy story, eh, little Princess. So we will make this your fairy story and may you never awaken from such a wonderful dream."

At the end of a month we were married. His parents liked me and that sudden courtship seemed to have no negative effect on them. Dick did highly specialized research on a consulting basis. In addition an aunt had left him a good sized life income. We took a house in a small suburban town that was about thirty miles from my home town.

I think no young girl had such a large gift of happiness as was given me. At times I would pinch myself and say:

"It is a dream. You must wake up."

For three years it went that way. I would travel with Dick around the United States when he had assignments in different cities. Every moment we spent together was just bliss. And then came that terrible day of August 17th. Dick went to the plant and told me he would be home about one or two in the afternoon, otherwise He would call me. When he didn't return by five I was worried. I tried to call the plant on the phone but couldn't get a connection. I knew something was wrong. At seven

that evening, the manager of the hotel came up with a middle aged woman.

"Somebody has to tell you the news," she said slowly. "Brace yourself for a shock. There was an explosion at the plant and your husband was killed. He died saving the lives of five other men."

I started to sway and the manager caught me before I fell to the floor. Then I blanked out completely. I sort of remember being sent home in a private car with a nurse to look after me. How can I explain the way I felt during the next few months? Probably it would be best to say that I was like a person in a quicksand pit. I couldn't get out and I didn't sink to the bottom.

Dick left me with enough money so that I wouldn't have to go to work. Dr. John Henderson, our family physician, gave me all the care I needed. Then he told me some frank things about myself.

"June, I brought you into this world and watched you grow up. I well understand the shock you underwent. But you must snap out of it. Otherwise it will close upon you. Don't let the past pull you down. You are alive and have years ahead of you. The best thing in the world for you would be to fall in love again and get married."

F all in love again? I thought at the time Dr. Henderson was a monster to utter those words. I was chained to Dick. Or was I? Wasn't there something in the marriage ceremony, "... until death do us part . . ."? I only wanted to think about Dick. Staying at home wasn't cheerful for my mother.

"Just try to smile, will you please?" she would plead.

At the end of a year I decided to take a trip. It was late in the afternoon when it happened. They were fixing the highway and there was a single line of traffic going south. My car must have hit a rock and I lost control of it for a second. It smashed against a parked cement machine. A man with a dirty face and an equally dirty pair of coveralls came over to me and helped me out of the car.

"Hurt?" he asked.

"Just a hit shaken up," was my reply.

Seems he had a radio phone in a car and put through a call for the state trooper and a repair car. I was getting hungry and asked where I could get something to eat.

"You can share lunch with me," he said. "I'm top man on this construction job. So give me

five minutes to wash up in that trailer to the side and lunch will be served."

A different looking man came out but it still was the same man.

"Name is Dave Gartley," he said. "What's your name?"

"Mrs. June Benson," I told him.

"Then we should notify your husband at once," he replied.

I explained I was a widow. Then he took me into the large trailer which was also an office of the construction company. I washed up and a cook served a delicious dinner. I felt better. An hour later I learned about my car.

"While you were eating I had one of my boys give it to the tow service. We'll get a report soon on the condition."

It seemed it would take two days to fix the car. So Dave Gartley drove me to a motel.

"Let me chauffeur you around until your car is fixed," he asked.

I agreed and for the next two days he took me around. Seemed he was letting his assistant foreman take charge of things. Then the garage man said it might take another five days to fix the car. They had to get some special parts for it. Later I learned the garage man was Dave's uncle. You can figure that one out by yourself.

Before I left he came to the point and I was not shocked at what he said.

"Guess I am about six or eight years older than you. I am what you can call the serious type. Object is matrimony. The Gartleys are honorable folks. I want to see you."

For the next five months we went out together. He could sense something was wrong. But I never was prepared for what he did. My mother-in-law came to see me one evening.

"Dick was your husband and my son," she began. "I shall always love him and I know you too will do the same. But don't let any false sense of loyalty keep you single again if a suitable man comes along. I can say this to you because Dick's father is my second husband. I lost my first husband through a fatal illness, and I went through the same agony you are suffering. Balance your heart with your brain."

She left and five minutes later Dave faced me. Instinctively I knew it had been arranged. He took me in his arms and kissed me for the first time.

"Dave," I said through my tears, "I'll be a perfect wife."

"That I know, darling," was all he replied.

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THE TOO TRUSTING HEART

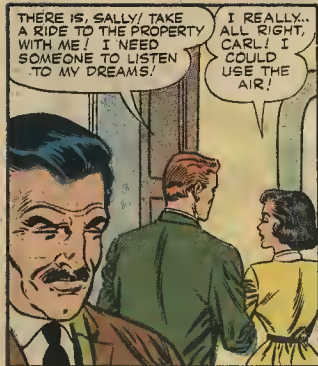
I'D ONLY GONE OUT A FEW TIMES WITH CARL LINDEN BUT I KNEW I LOVED HIM AS I NEVER WOULD LOVE AGAIN! I KNEW THAT OTHERS THOUGHT CARL WANTED ONLY MY MONEY, NOT MY LOVE... BUT CARL WAS WELCOME TO BOTH!



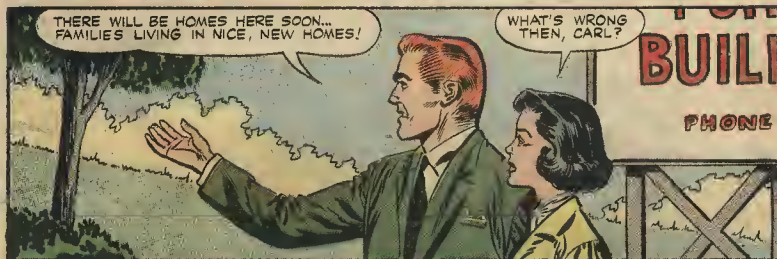
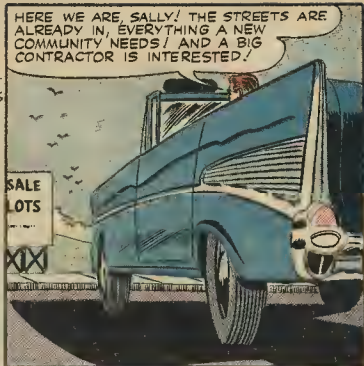
I MET CARL AT A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON! MY SHARE IN A DRESS SHOP MADE ME TAKE AN INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY...



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CARL HAD THE FRESH, BOYISH ENTHUSIASM MOST DREAMERS HAVE! BUT HE HAD A PRACTICAL SIDE TOO...



I KNEW HE WAS GOING TO KISS ME! I COULD'VE AVOIDED IT... BUT I WANTED HIM TO HOLD ME SO MUCH!



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WE WENT TO THE BANK AND THEN TO DAVE LANGEN'S LAW OFFICES! I'D NEVER LIKED LANGEN...



IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO PREPARE THE OPTION AGREEMENT! YOU CAN PAY ME NOW!



CARL DROPPED ME AT THE HOUSE! WE HADN'T DISCUSSED THE FUTURE YET, BUT I KNEW WE'D SHAKE IT TOGETHER!



ONCE LANGEN DELIVERS THAT OPTION, WE'RE WELL OFF! I'LL COME BACK THIS EVENING, IF I MAY!



CARL DIDN'T COME BACK THAT NIGHT! HE DISAPPEARED...AND WHEN I LOOKED FOR DAVE LANGEN, HE'D DISAPPEARED TOO!



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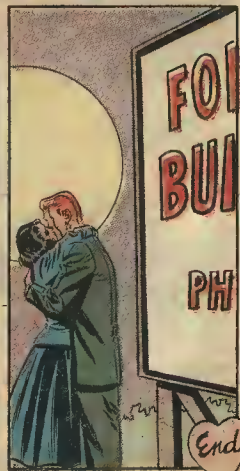
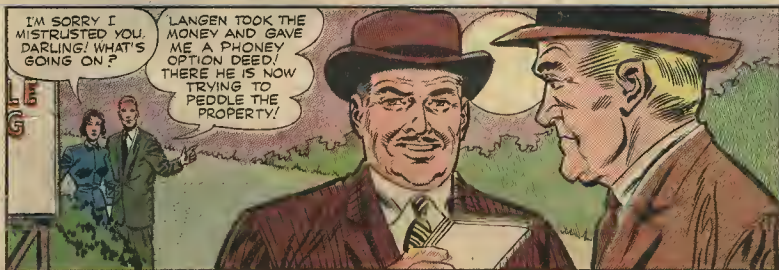
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GOT MAD
THEN
FOR THE
FIRST
TIME!
CARL
HAD
BEEN
NEAR
ALL
THAT
TIME
AND HE
HADN'T
CALLED!



ROMANTIC SECRETS

THE SETTING WAS PERFECT....THERE WAS A FULL MOON, I WORE MY MOST ENTICING PERFUME....AND RUSS PEYTON HELD ME IN HIS ARMS! IT WAS TIME FOR A SMALL TOWN ROMEO TO LEARN....

a LESSON in HEARTBREAK

IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D THINK HE WAS WONDERFUL! BUT I KNOW HOW HE OPERATES.... HE'S THE ONE WHO'LL GET JILTED THIS TIME!!



I MIGHT NEVER HAVE KNOWN RUSS PEYTON IF MARIE DOYLE, A FRIEND, HADN'T INTRODUCED US! IT WAS WHEN THEY BECAME ENGAGED....

LINDA THIS IS RUSS PEYTON! HE JUST ASKED ME TO MARRY HIM!

THE LADY'S TELLING THE TRUTH, LINDA! I DID.... OR I THINK I DID!



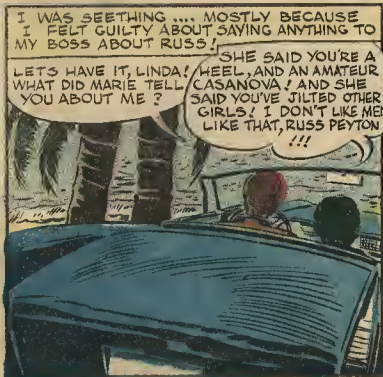
THAT ENGAGEMENT LASTED A MONTH! THEN, MARIE TOLD ME HOW HORRID RUSS PEYTON REALLY WAS....



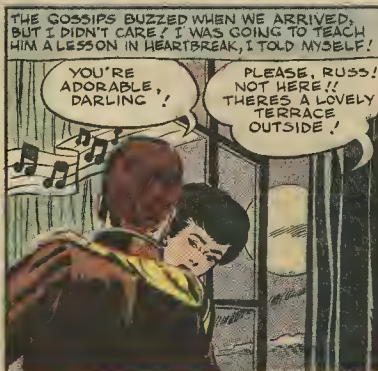
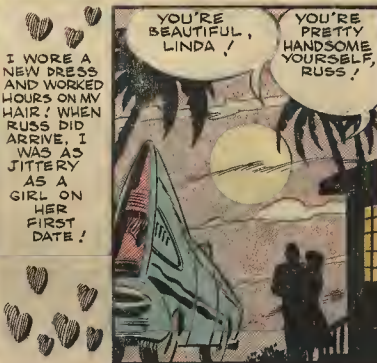
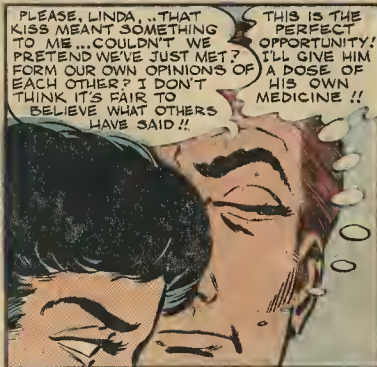
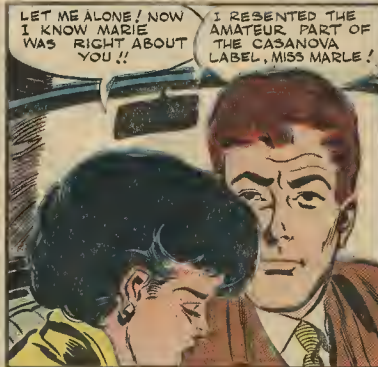
HE'S AWFUL, LINDA! HE'S PENNY-PINCHING, JEALOUS, DEMANDING AND STUPID! AND HE'S A REGULAR CASANOVA! JILTED HALF A DOZEN GIRLS!



ROMANTIC SECRETS



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WHAT'S
WRONG,
DARLING?

STOP IT, RUSS!
I DIDN'T MEAN
THAT KISS!
PLEASE!!



HE TRIED TO
HOLD ME....
I HAD TO STOP
HIM! I REPEATED
ALL THE THINGS
MARIE HAD
TOLD
ME, I ENJOYED
THE DEFEAT
I SAW IN HIS
EYES!

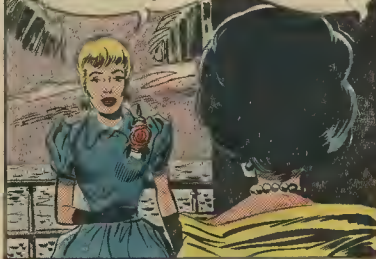
AND SHE TOLD
ME ABOUT THE
OTHERS, TOO!
I KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE LIKE,
RUSS
PEYTON!

YOU KNOW
WHAT MARIE
TOLD YOU...
AND YOU
BELIEVE
IT! THAT'S
ENOUGH FOR
ME! GOODBYE,
LINDA!



I JUST SAW RUSS PEYTON!
POOR GUY! HE HAS NO
LUCK WITH THE LADIES!
AFTER I JILTED HIM
YOU DID THE SAME! OH,
WELL, MEN DESERVE
THEIR FATE!

WHAT DO YOU
MEAN? YOU
JILTED
HIM? I
THOUGHT
HE WAS A
HEEL!



YOU DIDN'T EXPECT
ME TO ADMIT IT WAS
MY FAULT DID YOU? ALL THE
GIRLS WHOM RUSS EVER
KNEW DESERVED TO BE
JILTED! HE'S UNLUCKY!

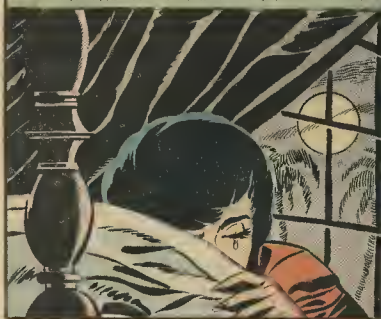


YES, HE IS UNLUCKY! AND I'M IN
LOVE WITH HIM! WHAT DOES
THAT MAKE ME?



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I DODGED RUSS FOR WEEKS! IT WAS EASY BECAUSE HE WAS EVADING ME, TOO! THE NIGHTS WERE THE MOST DIFFICULT ...



I DESERVE MY MISERY! I'VE QUESTIONED PEOPLE ... AND RUSS IS FINE AND DECENT! I CAN'T BEAR STAYING HERE, CRYING LIKE A CHILD! I'LL DRIVE SOMEWHERE ...



I DROVE TO THE YACHT CLUB, OF COURSE! I WANTED TO SEE THE TERRACE AGAIN, IMAGINE BEING IN RUSS'S ARMS AGAIN!



YOU HAD TO COME BACK TOO, LINDA! WHY? TO HURT ME EVEN MORE? OR WAS IT BECAUSE ...

BECAUSE I LOVE YOU, RUSS! I WAS A FOOL!!



MARIE AND THE OTHER GIRLS LIED TO COVER THEIR OWN FAULTS! BUT EVEN IF THEY'D TOLD THE TRUTH, I COULDN'T STOP LOVING YOU NOW!

DARLING!



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Vacation Manhunt



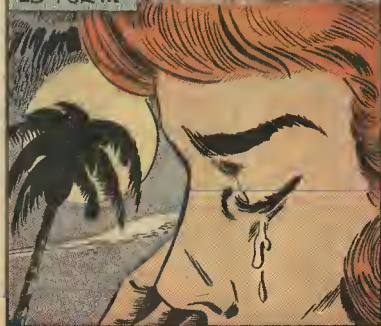
LEAVE ME ALONE... YOU...
BRUTE! I'VE NEVER
BEEN SO HUMILIATED...
OH... (SOB)...

SUIT YOURSELF!
THERE ARE A DOZEN
OTHER GIRLS
DYING FOR THE
OPPORTUNITY!

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IT WAS TO BE A GLORIOUS, EXCITING TWO WEEKS... MY SUMMER VACATION... BUT I HAD AN ULTIMOR MOTIVE... YES! TO MEET THE RIGHT MAN! MAN, MEANING: M...ONEY, ATTRACTIVE, N...ICE! BUT I ALMOST FORGOT THAT I WAS THE BAIT IN THIS MANHUNT!

I HAD WANTED MORE THAN JUST A VACATION, BUT THIS WAS MORE THAN I HAD BARGAINED FOR...



IT WAS JUST A WEEK BEFORE, THAT I WAS PREPARING FOR MY ANNUAL VACATION...

AUNT MARY'S MINK STOLE LOOKS ELEGANT ON YOU, TINA... TAKE IT WITH YOU TO MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION!

I THINK IT'S A LITTLE TOO OLD FOR ME, MOM... BUT I KNOW YOU WANT ME TO LOOK LIKE AN HEIRESS! ALL RIGHT, I'LL TAKE IT, ALONG WITH AUNT RUBY'S EARRINGS!



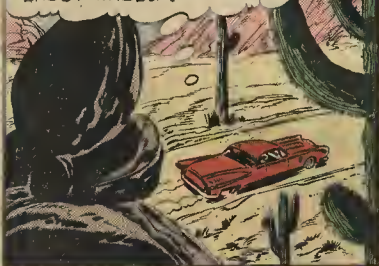
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SO I LEFT IN A BLAZE OF BORROWED GLORY...

MOM TOLD ME TO LOOK FOR A MAN... ONLY MAKE SURE HE'S WEALTHY... THAT'S PRIMARY! HOOK HIM WITH COUSIN ANNE'S BORROWED CAR, AUNT MARY'S MINK, AND MY FRIEND GILDA'S LUGGAGE.



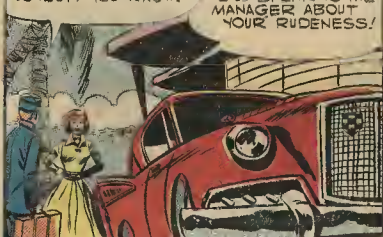
WHAT A RELIEF IT WAS TO ESCAPE FROM THE CITY! I HOPE THIS SWANK HOTEL ISN'T WAY OVER MY HEAD... ME, TINA WARREN, SECRETARY, PLAYING HEIRESS FOR A WEEK! HOW I WISH I COULD JUST GO ON A VACATION TO ENJOY MYSELF!



THE HOTEL WAS MAGNIFICENT... AND EXPENSIVE -- BUT I RAN INTO IMPERTINENCE RIGHT OFF...

I'LL TAKE YOUR BAGS IN... BUT FIRST LET ME LOOK AT YOU FOR A MOMENT! YOU'RE LOVELY, YOU KNOW!

WHY, OF ALL THE... SEE HERE, IF YOU DON'T CHECK MY LUGGAGE IMMEDIATELY, I'LL SPEAK TO THE MANAGER ABOUT YOUR RUDENESS!



HE WAS HANDSOME -- BUT STILL ONLY ONE OF THE HIRED HANDS...

RIGHT THIS WAY, MA'AM!



I FORGOT THE INCIDENT QUICKLY! FOR AN HOUR LATER...

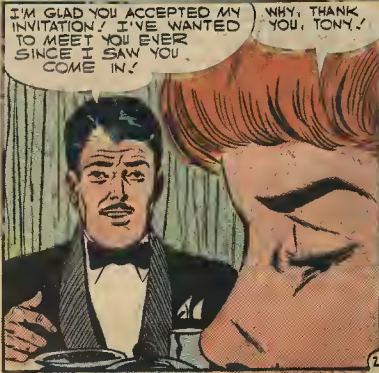
HELLO! I'M TONY RANDALL! WOULD YOU MIND HAVING DINNER WITH ME?

I'D BE HAPPY TO! I'M TINA WARREN!



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IT WAS SO EASY TO FALL FOR TONY... HE HAD GRACE, CHARM, GOOD LOOKS! AND CERTAINLY MONEY...



WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN ALL THESE STAUNTON VACATIONS I'VE TAKEN? MAYBE I'VE MET YOU ON THE RIVIERA OR IN THE ALPS? NO? WELL, I'VE CERTAINLY BEEN MISSING OUT ON A LOT OF FUN IN NOT KNOWING YOU!

NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT TO HAVE FUN!

IT HAD BEEN A PERFECT EVENING AND I THOUGHT I HAD MADE A REAL CONQUEST IN TONY...

HE'S SUAVE... JUST WHAT MY MOTHER WOULD GO FOR! I HAD NO IDEA THINGS COULD HAPPEN THAT FAST.

THE NEXT DAY, AT THE TENNIS COURTS...

WELL, THE LOVELY LADY OF THE LUGGAGE! WANT TO VOLLEY? NO CHARGE FOR MY LESSONS!

IT'S YOU! YOU SEEM TO HAVE A LOT OF JOBS! NO, THANKS, I HAVE A DATE!

OH... TONY THE WOLF! HE LOVES LITTLE GIRLS LIKE YOU! BE CAREFUL, TINA! I HAVE YOUR WELFARE AT HEART!

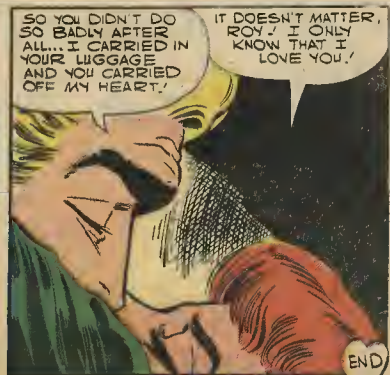
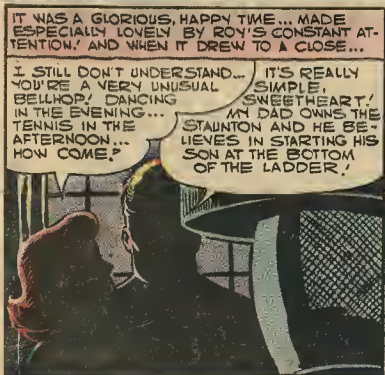
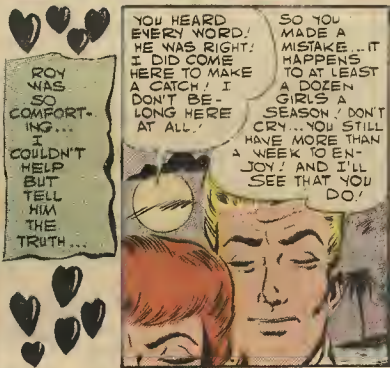
YOU... YOU'RE AN ILL-MANNERED, RUDE... AND DON'T YOU DARE CALL ME BY MY FIRST NAME!

TONY SEEMED ANYTHING BUT WHAT ROY HAD CALLED HIM! LATER THAT EVENING, NEAR THE LAKE, TONY SEEMED MORE FORWARD! MY HEART BEAT QUICKENED...



LET ME GO... LET ME GO...

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